

BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Oliver Administration Building

Present

Subcommittee: William O'Dell, Paul Brulé (6:20), David Dugan and Marjorie McBride (alternate)

School Committee, Administration and Staff: Diana Campbell, John Saviano, Paul Silva, Edward Mara, Melinda Thies, Jane Correia and George Simmons

Bill O'Dell called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: David Dugan motioned to approve the minutes to the February 12, 2008 meeting; Marjorie McBride seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Warrants

No concerns.

Budget – FY 2008

Jane Correia briefly mentioned the likelihood of some savings from this year's budget which will be discussed at the next meeting. UCOA is moving along; there is an all-day meeting this Thursday.

Budget – FY 2009

Jane thanked the Committee for their wonderful support at Joint Finance. Administration continues to work with principals to find ways to meet next year's budget. Marjorie McBride said Representative Gablinske is expecting level funding from the State. John Saviano mentioned there is currently a bill in the legislature to change teacher lay-off notification from March 1 to June 1. Jane feels we need to have a backup budget plan to be prepared for less than level funding from the State.

Facilities

Capital Projects Funds

Jane distributed a Capital Projects Funds report. The \$500,000 set aside for Colt Andrews remains; the process to access the Colt Fund continues, although neither may be needed.

Jane distributed a report of the work in progress and projected work

for this year, after which a \$376,237 balance is expected. John Saviano asked if a heightened level of spending caution should be exercised, given the uncertainty of budgeting from the State. All agreed that minimal maintenance of buildings is a necessity. Jane and Ed feel that some painting projects should be done every year. Diana Campbell asked about the plans that were discussed for the fields. Field upgrades will be considered on a priority basis.

Five Year Plan

Hugh Cole: The Committee discussed the possibility of air conditioning the Mary V. Quirk Pavilion. George Simmons reported the pros and cons of different systems—HVAC would eliminate unit ventilators but will require roof supports for a roof unit; window units are not energy efficient. He suggests a split system which will be cheaper. Units over 92000 BTUs qualify for energy rebates. George will research prices on AC systems for the next meeting.

Marjorie McBride raised the notion of going out for a bond in a few years of around \$5M to cover the major upgrades, like AC, fields, etc., instead of trying to fit them into the operating budget. John Saviano is concerned that the public is “fed up with our budget already.” Melinda Thies believes that planning involving energy efficiency and greening might receive support. Jane Correia will mark the larger projects in the 5 year plan (\$100,000 and over) as potential bond projects.

Guiteras: The leaking ceiling in the gym is repaired. The large, extremely heavy front doors must be made safe, either by an electrical closing system or replacement. Expenditures at Guiteras will not be encumbered by the District due to housing aid and the Guiteras fund.

Mt. Hope: The “must do” items for the high school include the men’s locker room, kitchen equipment replacement and security cameras in the parking lot. In addition, but not listed, is the upgrade of another science lab and moving the modular classroom from the Common to the high school.

The electronic bulletin board could maybe be funded by a contribution from a graduating class, matched by the District; the Town will have to be consulted for sign ordinances.

The press box is a suitable project for the Home Building Program; architects from Roger Williams cannot provide services, although they are willing, because of liability issues; we will get the name of the architect who designed North Kingstown’s; funding can come from gate receipts (which totals \$80,000) and the Boosters. A complete estimate will be obtained.

Renovation of bathrooms—Diana Campbell suggested no entrance doors, just a privacy wall like in the airports.

Kickemuit: Although the parking lot is now lit, the exit and entry sections are difficult to see; reflective paint will be applied.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2008 at 6:00 PM at Oliver; Diana Campbell's report on the Electronic School Board will be discussed.

Adjournment

At 7:40 PM David Dugan motioned to adjourn; Paul Brule seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

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